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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In December, 2002, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **five (5) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 5 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Wear Me Apparel Corp. is recalling Infant Girls' Garments. #03-055
- ❖ Zutano Inc. is recalling Stuffed Bunny Toys. #03-056
- ❖ Kohl's Department Stores Inc. is recalling Children's Fleece Pant Sets. #03-058
- ❖ Lovee Doll & Toy Co., Inc. is recalling Talking Dolls. #03-059
- ❖ Kmart Corp is recalling Wooden Toy Vehicles. #03-065

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

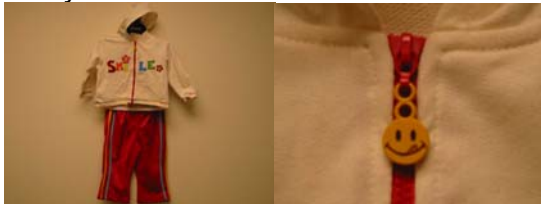
## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

# KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

**Release Number:** 03-055 Wear Me Apparel Corp., of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 3,000 infant girls' garments. The recalled garments were sold under the "Joe Boxer" brand name in sizes 12-months through 18-months and size 24-months. The garments were sold as sets that include a light tan sweat jacket with the word "Smile" embroidered on the front and a painted "smiley face" yellow zipper-pull and red sweat pants. Only style numbers 40801002 and 40801003 are included in the recall and can be found on the reverse side of the care label. Writing on the collar label includes "MADE IN/HECHO EN CHINA." Kmart stores nationwide exclusively sold these garments from August 2002 through October 2002 for between \$10 and \$13.

**Problem:** The paint on the "smiley face" zipper-pull attached to the sweat jacket of these garments contains lead. Young children could ingest lead from the zipper-pull, presenting a lead poisoning hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should return the clothing sets to any Kmart store to receive a full refund. For additional questions, consumers can contact Wear Me Apparel Corp. at (866) 469-6257 anytime.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03055.html>

**Release Number:** 03-056 Zutano Inc., of Cabot, Vt., is voluntarily recalling about 3,000 "Hip Hoppy" stuffed bunny toys with buttons. The recall includes bunny toys that measure about 10-inches tall and have jackets that button up the front. Some of the jackets, pants and hats on the bunnies have a multi-colored striped or a patterned print. "Zutano" is printed on a tag attached to the bunny. "Hip Hoppy" is printed on a hang tag attached to the bunny. Only bunny toys with buttons are included in the recall. The

bunnies were made in China. Department and specialty stores nationwide sold the recalled bunny toys from July 2000 through December 2002 for about \$18.

**Problem:** The buttons on the front of the bunnies' jacket can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these recalled bunny toys away from young children immediately and contact Zutano Inc. to receive a replacement outfit. For more information, contact Zutano at (800) 287-5139 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03056.html>

**Release Number:** 03-058 Kohl's Department Stores Inc., of Menomonee Falls, Wis., is voluntarily recalling about 9,600 children's fleece, two-piece pant sets. The recall includes the First Moments- or Second Step-brand two-piece pants set. The brand name is written on a label inside the tops of the set. The set's pink fleece top has two patch pockets and the cotton pants have a pink floral print. The set came in sizes 3 months to 24 months. The set has a cut-out floral pattern in the fabric at the end of the sleeves, along the hem of the top and along the top of each pocket. The part of the fabric subject to the cutting has been weakened and tears easily from the rest of the garment. Kohl's Department Stores sold the pant set nationwide from September 2002 through early November 2002 for about \$18.

**Problem:** Small pieces of fabric at the end of the sleeves, along the hem and on the pockets of the tops can be torn off easily, posing a choking hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the set immediately and return it to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call Kohl's toll-free at (800) 694-2647 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at [www.Kohls.com](http://www.Kohls.com).



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03058.html>

**Release Number:** 03-059 Lovee Doll & Toy Co., Inc., of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 160,000 talking, electronic dolls. This recall includes the "Talking Learn n' Play" dolls with buttons. The dolls describe the functions of zippers, buttons, snaps and shoelaces. The dolls are about 13- inches tall and are dressed in pink jumpers with pink and white plaid shirts. The purple packaging reads, "Talking Learn n' Play." The dolls were made in China. Toy and discount department stores sold the dolls nationwide from June 2002 through December 2002 for between \$10 and \$15.

**Problem:** Buttons on the dolls' outfit could detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these dolls away from children immediately and return the dolls to the store where it was purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers can contact Lovee Doll & Toy Co., Inc. at (800) 307-5911 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03059.html>

**Release Number:** 03-065 Kmart Corp., of Troy, Mich., is voluntarily recalling about 50,000 wooden vehicles that are filled with candy. These products may be given to children as toys. The recalled wooden vehicles include a red wagon, truck and train and were packaged with candy. The following UPC codes are located on the bottom of the vehicles: 694405900012 (wagon), 694405900029 (truck), and 694405900036 (train). The wooden toy vehicles were made in China. Kmart stores nationwide sold these wooden vehicles from November 2002 through December 2002 for about \$5.

**Problem:** The wheels on the wooden toys may break off into small parts, which may pose a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take them away from children immediately and return them to any Kmart store for a full refund. For additional information, consumers can contact Kmart at (800) 63KMART anytime.



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03065.html>

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If you have any questions or want to file a complaint regarding an unsafe product, contact:

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